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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's May unemployment rate of 4.9 percent, down from 5.3 percent, was released on June 20. County unemployment rates released today showed that 91 county rates were down, two county rates were up, and two remained unchanged over the month.

Knox County at 2.5 percent, down from 2.7 percent over the month, registered the lowest county and metropolitan unemployment rate for the month. Carroll County at 10.9 percent, down from 12.1 percent, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

The remaining metropolitan rates for the month showed Davidson County reporting a 3.5 percent rate, down from 3.8 over the month. Hamilton County also reported a 3.5 percent rate, down from 3.8 percent in April, while Shelby County reported a 4.6 percent rate, down from 5.0 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter **http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures.**

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